

Members of the Environment Committee:

I am writing today in SUPPORT of HB-5293 (An Act Prohibiting the Use of Wild or Exotic Animals in Traveling Animal Acts) with a modification in the language.

This law is urgently needed. Trainers often use violent and inhumane methods to force them to perform confusing and physically grueling tricks. These animals spend their entire lives abused and much of that time locked in a cages. What kind of message is this sending to our youngest citizens, who see this and accept it as “normal”?

I am requesting that you amend the bill on line 33 by removing “includes any animal that is not domesticated”. Some exhibitors will use that language as a loophole to exclude from the bill’s scope wild animals bred, born or raised in captivity.

Please support this bill, and stop the cruelty

Thank you

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